

## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR ORIGINAL APPLICATION (Utility)

Attorneys  
Docket No. TANDEM-1

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Refuse Container Lid  
the specification of which

X is attached hereto.

\_\_\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_, as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified Specification, including the Claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37 CFR 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35 USC 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

| <u>none</u> |           |                        |       |       |
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| (Number)    | (Country) | (Day/Month/Year Filed) | (Yes) | (No)  |
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| (Number)    | (Country) | (Day/Month/Year Filed) | (Yes) | (No)  |

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35 USC 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35 USC 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37 CFR 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

| <u>none</u>         |               |  |
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| (Appln. Serial No.) | (Filing Date) | (Status, i.e., patented, pending, abandoned) |
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I hereby appoint attorney CALIF KIP TERVO, REGISTRATION NO. 31,308 to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected with the prosecution of this application through issuance. This appointment is automatically revoked upon issuance of any patent resulting from this application.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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